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The following is a translation from French of a letter with an enclosed letter which was received in New York on 22 August 1949 by a large US financial institution;

"August 16, 1949

"Gentlemen:

"We remit to you herewith, for purposes of collection, the assignment letter that the state enterprise 'Usinele 23 August', Bucharest, has charged us with sending to you and request you to transfer the balance of their account with you in our favor.

"Awaiting your credit advice, we remain

Very truly yours,

Banque de la Republique Populaire  
Roumaine  
Banque d'Etat"

"July 18, 1949

"We the undersigned Usinele 23 August (formerly N Malaxa Societe Anonime Roumaine), state enterprise, bring to your attention that we have assigned to the Banque de la Republique Populaire Roumaine, Banque d'Etat, the assets that the firm N Malaxa S.A.R. holds with you.

"According to the books of the firm N. Malaxa S.A.R. these assets were at the time of nationalization (June 11, 1948) an amount of \$20,635.03.

"Please transfer the assigned assets to the account of the beneficiary and send him a statement of account, making out the exact amount of the available funds assigned.

Very truly yours,  
Usinele 23 August"

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[According to Malaxa, US\$18 million of his properties in Rumania were expropriated. He was able to salvage approximately US\$3 million which he brought to the US in early 1947 or late 1946. As soon as he reached the US, Malaxa closed an account and transferred the balance which had been on deposit in the US under the name of his old company, N Malaxa SAR.

This letter, claiming that balance once on deposit in the US, may have been prompted by the publicity given Malaxa in the Judith Coplon trial. It seems to indicate rather poor management in the treasurer's office of the state enterprise, Uzinele 23 August, formerly N Malaxa Societe Anonime Roumaine, /

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